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In re Application of:

Iqbal Talib et al.

Appln. No.: 09/820,662

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Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR
ENABLING EFFICIENT SEARCH AND
RETRIEVAL OF RECORDS FROM A
COLLECTION OF BIOLOGICAL DATA

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FIRST AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir,

Responsive to the Office Action mailed June 2, 2003, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows and consider the appended remarks:

1. **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.
2. **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.
3. **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.